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**PROPOSALS** submitted by the Eisenberg Committee for raising controlled rentals of unfurnished dwellings a drastic step, but long overdue, in the process of restoring the real estate market to more normal conditions. The steep rate of the increase, after so many years, may dismay many flat-dwellers, but by contrast it will bring some much-delayed relief to the property owners, who are in income from their investment has been frozen to a greater or lesser extent since the beginning of World War II despite successive devaluations.

Although rentals have been effectively controlled, the benefit has only been felt by persons who have not changed their residence over a considerable period of time. The remainder have generally paid the full price in the form of key money, which went a long way to making up the difference between a controlled rental and a full economic return to the owner, and which rose to as much as 60 per cent of the apartment's purchase price in the open market. Where flats change hands, two thirds of the key money is paid to the seller, and the balance to the buyer, and legislative provision had to be made to secure for the owner the remaining third.

Plainly there are important advantages in the new scales. First of all, landlords will receive some return on their investment, if not yet enough to make building for rent economic. Would-be householders who cannot afford to pay large lump sums may find it easier to find accommodation. Small families, who live in large flats because the rent is nominal, will have to sublet part of their dwelling or move into smaller premises. These are long-term considerations. Immediate reaction will be focused on the sharply increased living costs that such a measure will impose on a large proportion of the public; large families in the middle-income groups will, as usual, be particularly hard hit.

The timing of the publication of the committee's recommendations is therefore awkward, coming as they do at the tail-end of a fierce struggle against the recently-enacted indirect taxes that will raise living costs by only a fraction of the amount involved in the new rents. If the new scales are approved without delay, then the cost-of-living index will be pushed up sharply at the very beginning of the six-month period of grace that the agreement between the Manufacturers and the Histadrut allows before wages are adapted to augmented prices.

In the circumstances it is likely that some discretion may be exercised by the Government in applying the recommendations of the Eisenberg Committee. The Histadrut appears to have accepted in principle the need for an adjustment, though their representative on the committee, Mr. A. Reiss, dissociated himself from the more extreme recommendations, proposing a smaller rate of increase with a maximum of 30 per cent. It is understood that it was the differences of opinion between the official representatives on the Committee that held up publication of the findings so long and led to this unfortunate coincidence of timing, for the Chairman tried very hard to bring in a unanimous report. One conclusion cannot be evaded. Rentals have been frozen much below any acceptable minimum for a long time, and this has confused the economics surrounding the construction and lease of property. While the majority of tenants now pay the rest of their rent in interest on huge sums of key money, the landlord still benefits very little. The time has surely come for a determined attempt at normalizing this essential field of the national economy.

**U.S. LEADERS TO ROME IN NOVEMBER** — The British Premier, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and Foreign Secretary Lord Home are expected to visit Italy in November for talks with the Italian Government. Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath said last night.

## B-G: Tax Rises For Buying Vital Arms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is about to conclude the purchase of vital arms, amounting to several million dollars, for one of two branches of the defence forces where even her minimum needs are not assured, Mr. Ben-Gurion told the Knesset yesterday. The Premier revealed he had received a report yesterday morning that negotiations for these arms, the lack of which gravely endangers our security, are about to be concluded.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said the purchase of these arms is a part of these purchases, which are of momentous importance in conditions over which Israel has no control and which depend on enemies who threaten to destroy her.

The Premier and Defence Minister made the surprise statement at the end of the extraordinary Knesset session, convened at the joint request of the four opposition parties. The session was called to inform the Knesset of the purchase of arms, which will be paid for by a 10-week summer recess.

**Moral Obligation**

Speaking as a member of the Cabinet, in his capacity of Minister of Defence, Mr. Ben-Gurion unexpectedly took the floor at the end of the two-hour debate. He said he felt a personal and moral obligation to inform the Knesset that he was at least partly responsible for the fact, now being complained against, that not all items of expenditure and revenue had been submitted when the general budget was presented.

"Knowing our needs in two branches of the defence force, I shall not name them, although I am prepared to do so in the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee — in which our minimum requirements are not assured, I am nevertheless not asking for an increase in the budget because I did not see any sense in asking for an increase when we could be obtaining it from the Knesset," Mr. Ben-Gurion said. "One of these branches is inadequate, dangerously inadequate."

"The other branch," he said, "is the one which is the only country in the world where we are able to obtain the best of the equipment, and the negotiations continued a long time after the budget had been submitted and approved by the Knesset."

**Careful Consideration**

"After weighing the matter carefully, I felt compelled two or three weeks ago, although I knew the budget had already been passed, and that it was not easy to undertake new expenditures, to take on an obligation amounting to several millions because of the momentous importance that the matter might assume," Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed.

"With a heavy heart I came to the Cabinet meeting and asked for an immediate additional allocation for an important quantity of equipment, even though I was not all that we needed," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, adding dramatically: "I told the Cabinet I could not assume the responsibility in case Heaven forbid — that which the enemy threatens us with should come about and we should fall because the equipment is not in our possession."

Mr. Ben-Gurion said the Cabinet had heard strong and justified complaints on the part of the Minister of Finance, and that despite these arguments, the Cabinet members unanimously decided to assume this additional budget burden and approve the purchase. They knew from whom these millions will have to be taken, he concluded.

At the end of the debate the House decided by the vote of all coalition parties to refer the proposal for the abolition of the tax increases to the Knesset Finance Committee, and turned down the opposition motion for a debate in the House.

Opening the debate for the sponsors of the proposal, Mr. E. Shustak accused the Government of having deliberately gassed the new levies after the Knesset had rejected them. He said that although the new taxes amounted only to some 11,000,000, they had aroused the sharpest criticism on the part of all sections of the public.

Mr. E. Bernstein (G.S.) warned that the increased levies would upset the entire price system and blow the situation on excessive Government expenditure, which within the past three years had gone up to almost two million.

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## U.S. Senate Kills Medical Aid Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly defeated a Republican-sponsored medical aid-to-the-aged plan. It then prepared for a showdown on a rival Democratic plan which faces a veto threat.

The Republican plan was beaten by a roll call vote of 67 to 32. The key vote came on a broad industry Bill-Federal health care programme introduced by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, Republican, New York, and backed by Vice-President Johnson.

The Senate then called up for debate and a vote by nightfall a proposal introduced by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, Democrat, New Mexico, and co-sponsored by Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential nominee. It called for extending health benefits as part of social security.

**Cuba Rapped For Anti-U.S. Stand**

SAN JOSE (UPI). — Colombia accused Cuba yesterday of trying to weaken and destroy continental solidarity and of seeking to turn Western Hemisphere nations against the U.S.

The blistering charge was made by Colombia's Foreign Minister, Julio Turbay, who called on Cuba to submit with the rest of the Latin American community to the "discipline" of the inter-American system.

He said that if Cuba was willing to resolve its problems with the U.S. within the inter-American system, he was willing to propose the formation of a joint committee "to offer its good services for settlement of the controversies between the two nations."

In the most forthright speech yet made to the emergency conference of American Foreign Ministers studying "extra-continental" intervention in the Hemisphere, Mr. Turbay said the conflict between America and Soviet Russia — between democracy and communism.

## Ke May Attend U.N. Assembly, Lodge Says

NEW YORK (Reuters). — President Eisenhower is considering going to the U.N. General Assembly, his chief of staff, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, disclosed yesterday.

He added, however, that he did not know "yet" whether the President would attend the Assembly, due to open September 24.

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier, indicated yesterday that he is contemplating heading the U.S.A.R. delegation.

Mr. Lodge's statement was seen in U.N. quarters as being most positive on Mr. Eisenhower's position than the President himself had been so far.

Mr. Lodge was asked about the matter at a New York luncheon given by the U.N. Correspondents Association to bid him farewell on his departure to campaign for the vice-presidency on the Republican ticket.

Soviet delegation sources said yesterday they were still without word as to the composition of the Soviet delegation to the session. They said they expected an announcement early next month.

If Mr. Khrushchev decided to come here, they said, his decision would not be dependent on whether or not the other heads of the Big Four Governments were on hand, too.

The Soviet leader recently suggested that all the heads of member governments should come to a disarmament "summit" Assembly.

**Ke Chief UN Delegate**

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Eisenhower yesterday named Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge as U.S. Resident Representative at the U.N.

Mr. Lodge, 55, has been deputy U.S. representative at the U.N. since 1963, and led the U.S. delegation at the Geneva nuclear test ban negotiations.

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He spoke on the completion of the third season of excavations at the site of the city — present-day Nablus — by an American-sponsored archaeological expedition — the first ever to work in Jordan.

The 30-member team, from the U.S. and Jordan, under Professor George Ernest Wright, of Harvard University, plans to resume work at the site in the summer of 1956.

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The Minister of Transport, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, on Thursday received Mr. Ben-Fish, a Director of State of Israel Bonds in Toronto, and Mrs. Fish, at his office.

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Visitors to the Hebrew University yesterday included Dr. Campbell Crockett, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Cincinnati, and the following delegates to the International Science Conference: Dr. W. A. Lewis, Principal, University of Cincinnati; Dr. W. A. Lewis, Principal, University of Cincinnati; Dr. W. A. Lewis, Principal, University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Thad Pusco, Town Clerk of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Pusco, on Tuesday toured Jerusalem accompanied by Mr. Y. Barzilai, Minister of Health, and Mr. Y. Barzilai, Minister of Health.

The Hebrew University gave a reception at Beit Shalom on Monday night for a group of 14 U.S. pharmacists and their wives, all of whom are active members of the University's School of Pharmacy, who arrived in Jerusalem earlier that day. The guests were welcomed by Dr. Y. Barzilai, Executive Vice-Chairman of the University's Board of Governors, Mr. Jerome Boonshoft, and Mr. Benjamin Friedman, president of the New York Pharmaceutical Association, responded on behalf of the group.

Mr. Elihu Dobkin was yesterday Director of the Board of Trustees in succession to Mr. Walter Eytan, who resigned from his post in his appointment as Ambassador to France.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club members will be addressed at the N.P.C.A. at 11 p.m. today by Dr. Y. Barzilai, Minister of Health.

**OPERA**

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**Argentina to Probe Anti-Semitic Outbreak**

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — The Education Ministry on Monday night ordered an immediate and rapid investigation of the shooting of a 15-year-old Jewish student in an outbreak of anti-Semitic violence.

The order calls for designation of an inspector to determine "with the greatest possible urgency" the causes of last Wednesday's incident in front of the Sarmiento high school in a fashionable section of the city.

A group of young university students, belonging to a faction called "Tucuman" and a group of high school students as they were leaving a patriotic ceremony, the attackers shouted anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi slogans. During the melee, one Jewish boy was shot in the chest.

Three university students were arrested and the incident caused off angry indignation in Jewish circles and in Congress. The Interior Ministry already has announced it will crack down on any similar cases of anti-Semitism or any other racism.

**103 Stray Dogs Destroyed In Anti-Rabies Drive**

Jerusalem Post Reporter.

Ten stray dogs were destroyed on Monday morning when they tried to cross into Israel from Jordan in the Rehov Shmuel Hanavi area in Jerusalem. Seven were poisoned and three shot by Municipal Inspectors.

This is the third major operation this summer to destroy stray dogs following the designation of the Capital as a zone infected with rabies. During the summer, six rabbits have been bitten by rabid dogs.

Three weeks ago 60 pieces of poisoned bait were scattered in the city's streets by Israeli and another 60 pieces later the Israelis found the bodies of 10 dogs. It is not known how many dogs were killed by the Jordanian bait.

A month ago, 72 dogs were destroyed.

There are more than 3,000 licensed dogs in the Capital.

**AN EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS RELATING TO ATTEMPTS TO CALL A ZIONIST CONGRESS BEFORE THE BALTIC DEFENSE.**

Herzl was opened yesterday at the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem.

**Stalin Stalled Japanese Peace Bid with Truman's Knowledge**

WASHINGTON (AP). — Former Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin, with the knowledge of former U.S. President Harry Truman, stalled efforts by Japan to end the Second World War just before the U.S. bombed Hiroshima, it was reported Monday.

The report was made in a newspaper article based on a Russian atlas which showed a large part of Indian territory as part of China, Prime Minister Nehru told Parliament on Monday.

Replying to questions in the Lower House, Mr. Nehru said the Soviet Foreign Minister had promised to look into the matter. "Subsequent to the matter," he said, "we sent an aide memoire on this subject to which we have not so far received any reply," he added.

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In another speech to the Lower House, Mr. Nehru extended his "gratitude" to the U.S. "most of all" and to the Soviet Union and other countries for their economic assistance to India's development.

Initiating a debate on the draft outline of the third five-year plan, Mr. Nehru said India was determined to pursue its goal of a socialistic pattern of society. Many industries in such a society would have to be in public hands but this did not mean the elimination of the private sector.

He said India's industrial policy was first to have as much production as possible by the private sector and to prevent the accumulation of wealth and economic power in individual hands.

**Sahar Requests Early Hearing**

TEL AVIV. — An urgent request that the trial of Mr. Yehoshua Sahar, Ambassador to the Soviet Union, be held during the present court recess was submitted yesterday by his attorney, Mr. Y. Y. Yehoshua, to the Tel Aviv District Court.

The defense attorney pointed out that Mr. Sahar's diplomatic duties are being interrupted by the charge pending against him.

Mr. Sahar has been charged with perjury in the libel case against Mr. Amos Ben-Gurion brought against Shmuel Hama-mitnadim.

**MAYOR Mordechai Namir of Tel Aviv yesterday announced that the Municipality would erect a permanent holiday camp for the men of its Armored army unit — the Armored Corps.**

**S/A Gai Named New Serjeant-at-Arms**

Jerusalem Post Reporter.

The Knesset House, Committee yesterday approved the appointment of S/A Gai (Galkovski) to the post of Serjeant-at-Arms in accordance with the Knesset Building (Immunity) Law, 1952.

S/A Gai was appointed by the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Kadish Luz, after consultations with the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Meir Yonah, who has held the post of Serjeant-at-Arms for the past seven years. S/A Gai is shortly to be appointed Director of the Knesset Central Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

S/A Gai, who is 35, recently concluded a two-year tour of duty as Second Secretary of the Israeli Embassy in Moscow, and his new appointment is to take effect from September 1.

He came to Israel in 1953 and after concluding his tour of duty as Second Secretary, he joined a settlement training group in Kibbutz Degania. Mr. Gai was born in the village of Kibbutz Neth Yehon, near Afula, and was active for several years in the Haganah after the War of Independence. S/A Gai was Deputy Commander of the Haganah in the literature and Judaica at the Hebrew University.

The newly appointed Serjeant-at-Arms yesterday toured the Knesset building and was introduced to the Knesset staff members.

**IL1,000 Fine For Driving at 90 k.p.h.**

NAZARETH. — Judge E. Kitiely on Monday imposed a IL1,000 fine, with the alternative of six months in jail, on a young man from the village of Yafa who was found guilty of driving his scooter at 90 k.p.h. He also had his license suspended for one year.

The accused, Nazari Marja, claimed that a truck in front of him had been raining clouds of dust, and he was trying to overtake it. Judge Kitiely replied that the accused had another alternative — to slow down and let the truck get well ahead of him.

The same sentence was passed on Gibril Haj, 30, of Nazareth, who was found guilty of driving a bus carrying a full load of passengers at 90 k.p.h.

**U.S. BASEBALL**

NEW YORK (AP). — National League standings as of Tuesday morning:

Team	W	L	Pct.	Field
Pittsburgh	73	45	.619	1st
St. Louis	65	53	.554	2nd
Los Angeles	63	53	.545	3rd
San Francisco	57	59	.488	4th
Chicago	48	70	.407	5th
Philadelphia	45	74	.378	6th

**DEATH.** — Dr. David Ben-Zion, who designed more than 400 bridges throughout the world, including the famous Sydney Harbour bridge, died in New York aged 74.







# Aden: Air-Conditioned Volcano

Britain Turning 'Stoke-Hole' Into Fortress

By a Special Correspondent

ARABIA begins at Jibuti. Here, in the steaming heat of the airport, you are told that your place in the plane for Aden is available only if enough space is left for the loading of oil — the exhilarating plant leaves which the Arabs chew throughout the day. At Aden, the whole atmosphere is a concoction of oil, heat and hisses. On your immigration form you must declare the number of "fire weapons," daggers, knives, swords, trophies and the quantity of gun-powder, cocaine, hashish, which you carry in your pockets.

Built on the slopes of lava mountains which remind one somehow of Elat, Aden looks in the incredible heat of midday, like a gate to Hell, where only the most vital of Imperial interests could induce habitation. Without water, without trees, surrounded by the sea on three sides, the town is one of the few places on earth where one cannot take a bath in any hotel because the water is too hot. Colds and pneumonia are brand new diseases imported with air-conditioners.

The Turks who, many years before the British, had realized the strategic importance of this secluded desert spot, surrounded the town with an uninterrupted line of forts running on the crest of the mountains overlooking the old town of Aden, thus giving it the aspect of an immense devil's castle. The British, being a naval power, concentrated their military strength along the sea and built a modern town around that stretch of land which is still called "The Peninsula" and still supplies food and water to the thousands of ships docking there on their way to Europe and the Far East.

Aden is established in the area between the old town, still called the Crater, and the harbour. This spot, which this year alone will spend time on permanent quarters, is the crux of Aden's political problem. The city itself has brought to this desolate spot, but attracted into the colony 10,000 Yemenites. Completely destitute, they live literally on a crust of mouseseeds and every penny they earn to buy oil and transistor radios, and daily augment the colony's proletariat which is a nationalistic and anti-British as it is hungry and homeless.

These immigrants — who have come without women — live like animals in the streets of Old Aden, stretched out day and night on cots they hire for half a shilling a month, and on which they spend their money listening to the radio in the most incredibly dirty surroundings of the world. The streets are a continuous heap of manure through which cats, dogs and children roam, together with the cows which supply the daily ration of milk to the police, the mosque and hundreds of coffee-houses and assemblies of beds, big and small, official and illegal, covered by roofs or just out in the open. Jews remain usually tuned to Cairo, and hate of the British, of the West, and of Israel is drummed into the listeners' minds from morning till night. In fact, the word Israel can be heard almost continuously throughout the day, when not from Cairo then from loudspeakers outside the mosque or even over the local British-controlled broadcasting station, which on Palestine Day, broadcast a most violent attack on Israel, duly followed by official excuses to the local Jewish community.

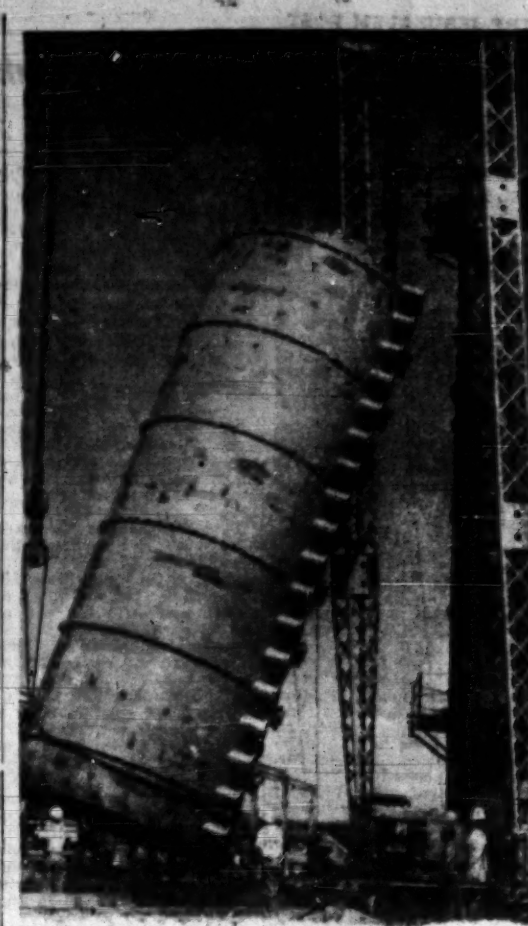
**Jews of Aden**  
This community is, of course, far from happy at such a state of affairs; in fact, the Jews remaining in Aden, who still live in Streets No. 2, 3 and 4 of the Old Town, are never perfectly sure, when they go to bed at night, that they will be alive in the morning. The last pogrom took place in 1947 when, thanks to the collaboration of the local police, Jewish money and 100 members of this ancient community of 10,000 Jews were killed. Since then, most of the Aden Jews have left the colony, some for East Africa, many for England and Israel. They have left behind five most beautiful synagogues which now serve as a dwindling community, moving in its devotion to ancient customs and traditions. For those who remain, however, life is as comfortable as it is dangerous. Aden's trade and real estate business are booming at the moment and the Jews are engaged in both.

Aden's own Arabs are not happy at the political situation in the colony. The British have decided to turn over to them responsibilities of the local Government, but the Arabs fear that the British Army, for whose evacuation they are calling, is the only thing that stands between them and the wild Yemenites. A few miles outside Aden, in the middle of the desert, an administrative town is being created out of nothing for the newly formed Federation of Arab sheikhdoms in the Protectorate area. The buildings are modern, air-conditioned, and the whole scheme is marked by that business-like efficiency that is characteristic of modern oil civilizations. For the time being, it does not convey the impression of a solid wuffer against an Arab push from the hinterland.

As for the British, they too

do not seem to be very optimistic about the colony's future. With the Russians at Aden and at Hodeida, the Red Sea, which is a vital link to the East, is no doubt Britain will hold on to its Eastern Gibraltar with all its strength. The trade links to Europe, for instance, and the oil, are transforming Aden into one of the most powerful bases of their strategic system. More than anyone else, however, they are well aware that they are sitting on a volcano.

The very requirements of a modern army need to be inconsistent with colonial influence and power. The fact, for instance, that the garrison officers and men, even those equipped with the most deadly weapons, are obliged to live in drab housing estates which, in order to be economically air-conditioned, must look like European slums in the middle of the desert, destroys all feeling of distance and respect among the local population. The British have heard many different political analyses in Aden. But the most striking one was a remark made by a taxi-driver as we passed through the R.A.F. quarters on the way to the airport. An English woman was hanging up her pink nylon underwear to dry on the terrace of her house. He sneered, licked his lips, and said to a friend sitting next to him: "Her mother would not have done it, and she will not be able to go on doing such shameful things much longer in this land."



The new oil refinery in Little Aden, one of the largest in the Middle East. (Express Photo)

## Borrowing Money for Hotels

By DAVID KRIVINE

TOURISTS, like immigrants, require accommodation, but their demand has become even more pressing in the last two years. Just as many immigrants will not agree to be lodged in hotels, so many tourists are not prepared to put up in a hotel room that does not have its own bath and toilet. This makes the tourist a more expensive customer than the immigrant. For it costs an average of IL20,000 per room to build hotels in Aden. The price of an immigrant apartment, Dan Ha-Carmel and the Sheraton in north Tel Aviv, will cost IL7,500 for 200 rooms. Other places, like the Queen of Sheba hotel in Elat, will be more expensive. The tourist, however, pays in dollars, and in full. The money put into building his hotel constitutes a substantial investment. Indeed the more costly the standard he expects, the greater the revenue which accrues to the nation. Particularly since the raw materials required by the foreign visitor (bricks and mortar, furniture, food) are produced locally, and expenses are moderate in terms of up-to-date economic branch, so that according to Dr. Erdreich's study of the hotel industry, every dollar costed up to the tourist is worth IL2.13 to the nation.

But the dollars will not be earned if the high standard is not achieved. Mr. Yohanan Becham, Director of the Israel Tourist Corporation, told an audience in Toronto last February that 12,000 prospective visitors from North America cancelled their trip because no first-class accommodation was available. Israel's best hotels were booked up to the hilt. Rooms, bath, toilet, telephone, radio — and television — were sought in vain in Miami Beach or Nassau, Bermuda; and the dollars went west with the tourists.

**Rise in Tourism**

Whereas the rate of immigration to Israel appears to have stabilized itself at around 2,000 newcomers a month, the flow of tourists is increasing steeply. This year visitors are outnumbering settlers fourfold at Israel's ports and airfields, and as their bookings are concentrated in the tourist season, arrivals during the present summer months reached a peak of 10,000 in April. Those who plan accommodation cannot only be concerned with monthly averages, but must endeavour to meet the largest monthly intake during the year.

All this explains the formation of the Tourist Industry Development Corporation in 1968. Its object is to find money for building and equipment, and to loan it — not merely for hotels, but also for restaurants, seashore enterprises, souvenir shops, transport agencies. First, the shareholding was the Government, which put in IL3m. of capital.

arming the nation. The Development Budget should stick to pioneering, and leave profit-making to others. This policy was not evident in the past for two reasons: the Government possessed the capital available. With Israel's increasing economic prosperity, however, and its evident political security, the Government rightly wants to tap new funds. Yet the realization of this change in economic possibilities has not percolated through to all of Israel's notoriously conservative entrepreneurs. They still look up to Mr. Eshkol's heaven for their money. Selling shares to the public remains an unattractive thought to the local hoteliers.

The TIDC aims to work the Government out of at least some of its business. It has sold IL2m. of debentures on the American market, and proposes to put out a further issue of IL3.4m. Not only that the Corporation plans to transfer some of these debentures into equity shares, in addition to receiving a modest but steady interest, a shareholder participates in responsibility for the destiny of the company. If business is good, the value of the stock goes up (which is the American investor's main reason for investing); if it is bad, he must scratch his head to help make it better.

**No Share Issues**

No hotel in Israel has yet put out shares on the stock exchange, although their need for capital is plain enough. Original estimates in the TIDC's five-year plan saw an inflow of 150,000 tourists by 1965 or an increase of 12 per cent per annum. But last year the rise was 36 per cent following upon an increase in tourists last year of 25 per cent. Accordingly the Corporation has revised its estimate, accepting the forecast published by an American Government study mission in 1967 of 250,000 visitors a year by 1965.

Since every 10,000 tourists need 250 hotel rooms, 250,000 would be added over the next five years about 4,000 rooms, and this will cost IL50m. The Corporation plans to invest half the sum — and get the much of the capital from private investors as it can. Consequently it will negotiate with hotel proprietors, to secure an option permitting the Corporation to transfer loans to "shareholdings" — not all of each loan, but a proportion only. The Corporation does not wish to carry more than 10 or 15 per cent of the shares in any enterprise. For its purpose is not to acquire control — a point it has to make discreetly to apprehensive borrowers. The Corporation wishes to habituate the hotel business to the practice which the outside world discovered a century or more ago, of bringing strangers into the firm. For its part, the Corporation likewise wants to diversify its investments and not commit itself too deeply in any one business. In fact, it loses if an individual hotel should default on its obligations. The habituation process is two-way: the hoteliers need to learn that outside capital does not bite, and the private investors (including foreigners) must be insured against even normal risks in Israel's new investment market, that they are entering tentatively and with some initial trepidation.

Up to the present TIDC has invested about IL1m. — three-fifths of it from the original Government investment — and one-fifth from debentures.

ventures. Almost one-fifth constitutes a re-investment of repayments secured from former loans. Over a hundred clients have benefited — among them 30 hotels that have built or are building 947 rooms. The Corporation has made a point of developing accommodation and attractions outside the big cities. According to the Corporation's Annual Report for 1968, the Sapsanov Restaurant has borrowed IL4,000, and The Last Chance in Beersheba IL2,000. The Casarea Golf Club has received IL15,000, and the Nicola Nisner souvenir shop in Nassereth IL4,000. Bigger loans were given to substantial hotels — over half-a-million pounds to the Dan Hotel, and over a quarter of a million to the Accadia.

The Corporation has not yet acquired shareholding in the hotel business, but will in the future gradually build up a portfolio of such stock, and on that basis will sell its own shares to investors at home and overseas. It issues its loans at present through the banks and, happily has followed the recommendation in the Tenenbaum report to cut down its payment for bank charges from the exaggerated figure of one per cent to between a quarter and half of one per cent.

According to its forecast, the Corporation will have to find IL50m. to complete its five-year investment plan. How much of that will come from the Development Budget is hard to predict. It may well be that the Government will find itself obliged to spend substantially more than previously in the tourist field, simply because the rate of expansion is so great that private investment cannot keep up with it. One thing is clear: several thousand more hotel rooms will have to be constructed in Israel. The national interest requires that, if there is no alternative, the Government will have to extend its participation in this industry, despite the cancellations of the review imposed on widely used goods.

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## TEACHERS AND TAXES

Devar (Histradut) writes:

"At last there seems to be the possibility of settling the problem of the teachers, and everything must be done to see that this possibility is not lost." The paper points out that the Government has accepted most of the teachers' "generally logical and justified" demands in non-wage matters, and that it has not adopted a hard-and-fast attitude on the latter. Commenting on the possibility of arbitration of the wage demands, the paper says of the Histradut has yet to take a decision on the matter and cannot do so until its Secretary-General returns to Israel.

Histradut (non-party) writes: "It would be best for the teachers to content themselves with what the Government is willing to give them now, to strive, within the framework of the decision, for certain other concessions... and to return to their work as soon as possible. The school year is in a good spirit. There is no justification for the feeling that the public in general is unwilling to pay for the education of its children in particular take no account of the teachers and their efforts; and it would be well if the leaders of the teachers' organizations stopped fostering this mistaken feeling."

Meruz writes: "The Guri Committee proposals are not ideal. But at least they offer the opportunity of a reasonable solution to the issues in dispute... if the Histradut accepts the principle that the Government is above it, and that national interests have priority over class interests. But the Histradut leaders have not yet become used to this principle. We can therefore expect that the teachers' organizations will continue to fight in the educational sphere and there is the danger of a strike."

Histradut (National Religious) writes: "The Prime Minister's suggestion that a 'neutral body' be established to investigate and decide in disputes in vital services is worthy of study... Hapoel HaMizrani, the Jewish Labour Party, the first to propose compulsory arbitration as a national and social solution to questions in dispute. Its proposal was not accepted. Now this principle is being taken up as the only way of handling disputes that dislocate vital services."

**Knesset Session**

Commenting on the special session of the Knesset on the new taxes, Al Hamaishar (Mafpek) writes: "The Minister of Finance should forget about prestige and summon up the courage to cancel the levies that he imposed on vital commodities..."

Hapoel (General Zionist) writes: "We are opposed to these taxes in particular because they are likely to cause an immediate rise in the prices of many commodities. Such levies are always grating, which they were imposed, and out of all proportion to the modest increase in income tax. The Minister of Finance expects from them. While the calling of the special session might be called a demonstration, 'the bitter truth' is that it is necessary to demonstrate the fact that decisions on fiscal matters (and not only on them) are being made not in the 'sovereign' Knesset, but by a smaller or larger group of Mafpek leaders."

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## MARGINAL COMMENT

### The Vanishing Hebrew Play

By Mendel Kobansky

LAST week the theatres closed, the actors went on their deserved vacations, and critics wrote their post-mortems for the season. It has not been a bad one as seasons in the Israeli theatre go. The public responded nicely, and for many of the shows tickets were sold out weeks ahead. The theatres even made money, something rather unusual, and if it were not for the deficits accumulated over the previous years, they would have finished the year with a profit.

So everyone seems to be happy, and little is being made of a most disturbing feature of the past season. In 1968/69 the three major theatres imported plays from America, France, Switzerland, and presented Shakespeare and Chekhov. But not one original play written in Israel by an Israeli stage lights. This becomes more disturbing when one considers that the disappearance of the original play is not something that happened this past season, but the conclusion of a trend. Only a few years ago original plays formed a respectable part of our theatrical fare; in the 1958/59 season there were five locally written plays out of a total of 20; in 1959/60 there was only one out of 19, and now the vanishing play has been reached.

There is no denying that many of the original plays we have seen in the past few seasons were not very good, and the public did not run to see them, and the theatres lost money on them. It is also true that those failures were to some degree caused by the peculiar attitude of the theatrical reviewers who usually go easy on foreign imports — after all a play which was a success abroad must have some merits though they are not visible to the eye — but reserve their sharpest barbs for the local product. I remember in particular the case of "The Street of Stairs" adapted by Yehudit Haendel from her own novel and presented at the Habima two seasons back. Both the play and

the production had many faults, but it was an honest attempt on the part of both writer and theatre to present a slice of the country's reality, and it should have been clear to any unprejudiced eye that this was an effort worth encouragement. Instead, the production received criticism which went far beyond the bounds of fairness; in a Kol Yisrael broadcast a critic called it "the worst production of the worst play adopted from the worst novel ever written."

A POLICY of playing safe is excusable in the frankly commercial theatre whose chief purpose is to make money, and if an impresario imports a song-and-dance troupe of low artistic merit but high drawing power, no one can really blame him. But Habima, Ohel and the Chamber Theatre are organizations with lofty purposes, dedicated to the development of the Hebrew theatrical art. Also, all of them receive to a greater or smaller degree support from Governmental or public funds, particularly Habima, which two years ago, on its 40th anniversary, was given the status of the National Theatre.

No one in his right mind will argue against Shakespeare and Chekhov, against O'Neill, Brecht and Durrenmat, and we could only wish that plays of contemporary authors would reach us sooner, not after the American and European public has tired of them, but everyone will agree that there is going to be no Hebrew theatre without Hebrew plays, and that Hebrew plays, in order to be abundant and of high quality, ought to be carefully nurtured.

Of all the writing crafts, playwrighting is the most difficult, demanding the greatest technical skill, the most intimate knowledge of the medium through which the message reaches the public. Consequently, all great or just good playwrights have been actively associated with the theatre. How little contact do we see here between the world of writing and the world of the stage. What have Habima, Ohel and the Chamber Theatre done to bring well known or promising writing talent into their midst, so that the imagination of the creative writer should blend with the technique of stagecraft — a basic requirement without which there are no plays worth staging. No one will contend that there is a dearth of writing talent in the country; it is just that no way has been found, or probably looked for, to channel this talent into the theatre. Here is a task for our three major theatrical organizations, separately, or preferably together.

Tel Aviv, August 24.

## NATURE NOTES

### The Charm of Bird-Watching

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DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMME TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE  
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